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# Griffith Amends Proposed Hike

Griffith — The town board Tuesday amended its proposed water rate increases.

The Indiana Public Service Commission requires the town set a fee for unmetered water in the parks.

The board set a \$57 flat fee for each water fountain in the parks.

Trustee Patricia Schaadt said the town has been paying for the water all along, and now it will be paid out of the park department budget.

Town board President Carl Konopasek said the town petitioned

the PSC for the water rate increase last month, citing a rate increase by its supplier — The Gary-Hobart Water Co. — and increased operating costs.

In other business, the board approved an economic development loan for Robert and Catherine Vidimos, developers of Calumet Testing Services.

The firm, which has 26 employees, is relocating from East Chicago to 1943 Griffith Blvd. in the Brant Industrial Park, Griffith, so its

services can be expanded.

Calumet Testing Services does non-destructive testing of metal and metal components for local industries.

George Milne, Democratic precinct committeeman, reported on rain-caused soil erosion on land cover over a chemical dumping site at the American Chemical Co.

Milne urged the area, which he said contains 17 "very, very toxic chemicals" be fenced in.

Milne also said the firm also has

been sending acid waste beyond the allowable acidity limits into the town's sewer system.

Konopasek said there have been no complaints from Hammond, which treats Griffith sewage.

The firm monitors its own waste and reports monthly to the town.

Public Works Director Glenn Reyome and Trustee Larry Owen inspected the site Monday, taking samples from the dumping site for analysis. The report should be available in two weeks.